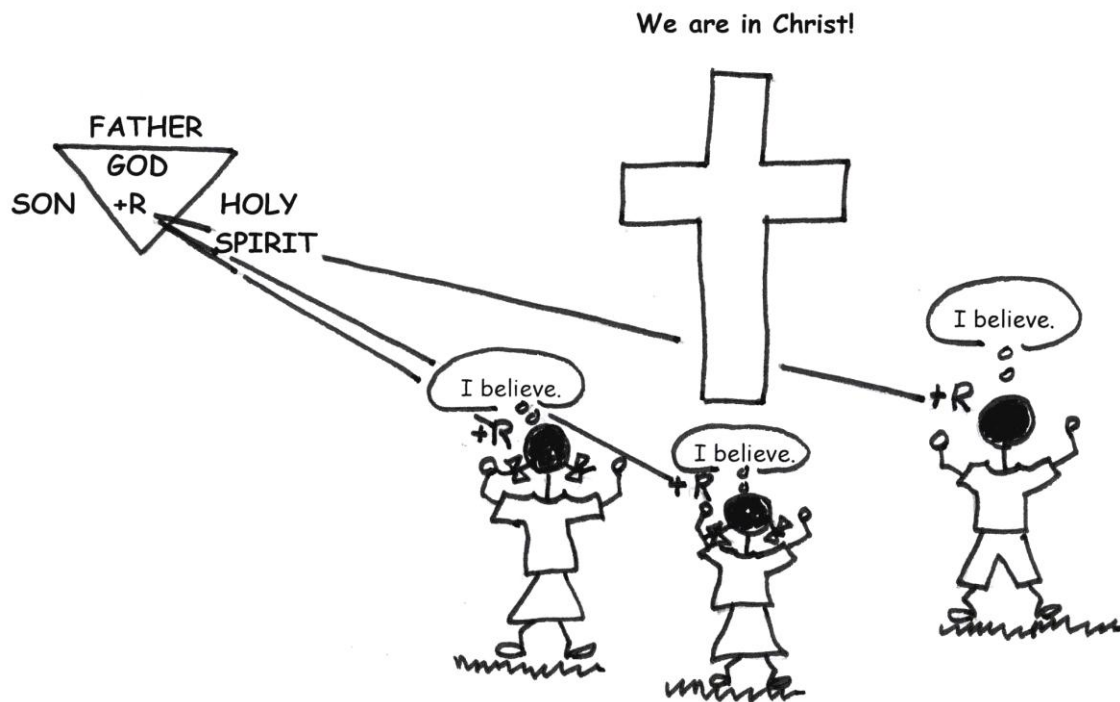


# More About Newness of Life In Christ

When we were born physically, people saw us as cute little babies. They couldn't see the invisible old sin natures inside of us.\* Ugly! As we grew, we learned about Jesus Christ and what He did for us on the cross. We chose to believe in Him as our Savior. At that time, we each received an invisible new nature. Each believer has two invisible natures - an old sin nature and a new nature in Christ. In our new natures, we are members of the Royal Family of Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

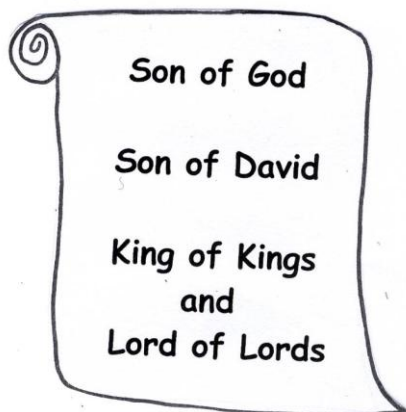
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The head of our Royal Family, Jesus Christ, has three royal titles: Son of God, Son of David, and King of Kings and Lord of Lords. In His deity as the Son of God, He has God the Father and God the Holy Spirit as His royal family. In His humanity as Son of David, Jesus was in the family of Jewish royalty; He was born of the virgin Mary and directly descended from David and Bathsheba. In His hypostatic union\* as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, He has the Church as His royal family. All members of this royal family are new creatures in Christ!

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Revelation 19:16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name [title] written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

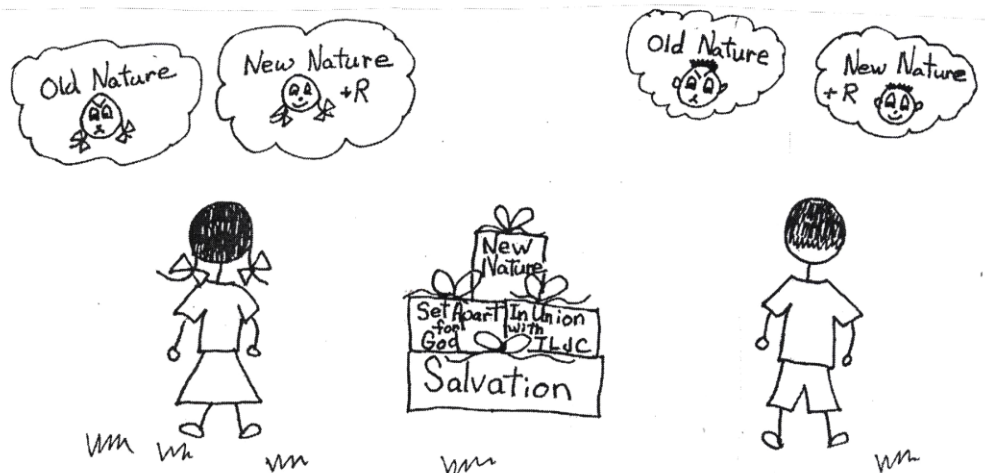


For His Church, His third royal family, Jesus Christ needed new spiritual creatures. This doesn't mean aliens! Church Age believers are the new spiritual creatures; at salvation the Holy Spirit put us in union with Christ\*! We have new natures. They are separate from our old natures. God didn't just fix up or make our old natures look better! They are still the same old natures. Ugly! They give us fits at times. They will until the day we die! Spiritually, we have brand new natures so we can be in Jesus Christ's royal family!

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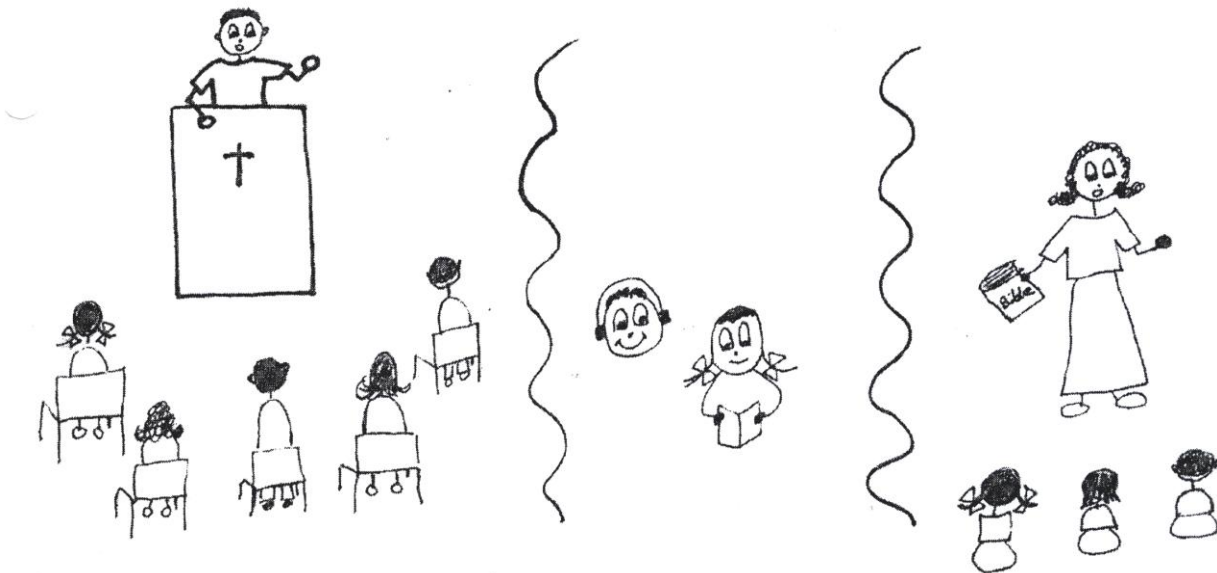


Ephesians 1:22-23  
 And He [God the Father] put all things in subjection under His [God the Son's] feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body [royal family], the fullness of Him Who fills all in all.



If God didn't fix up or repair our old natures we certainly can't! However, by growing spiritually in our new natures, we can decrease the power of our old sin natures. We grow in our new natures through the power of the Holy Spirit\*. He makes it possible for us to learn, believe and use Bible doctrine. Bible doctrine is the spiritual food we need to make us spiritually strong and give us divine guidance. It is what we need so we don't let the thinking of the old nature get into our souls. We each are to focus on our new nature in Christ.

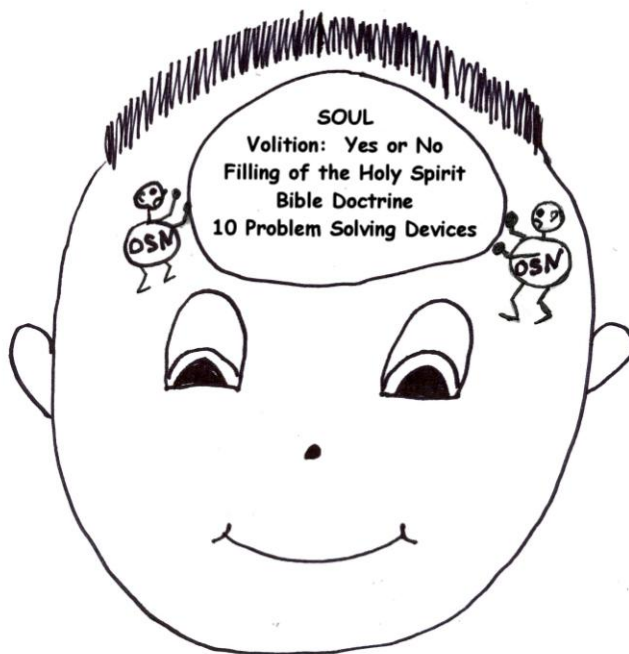
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Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One Who created him....

Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh [the old sin nature].

As new creatures in Christ we are under a new system of thinking! The old things have passed away or lost their power over our souls. Old things means something that happened to us because of Adam. When Adam and Eve chose to be independent from God and to sin, they became spiritually dead. They were separated from God. They lost their human spirits\* and gained old sin natures. Because of the first Adam, we are born with old sin natures. Because of the last Adam, Jesus Christ, we each receive a new nature when we believe in Him. For believers, the old things have lost their power! \*Where Bible doctrine is stored.



Genesis 2:16-17 The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die [spiritually and eventually physically]."

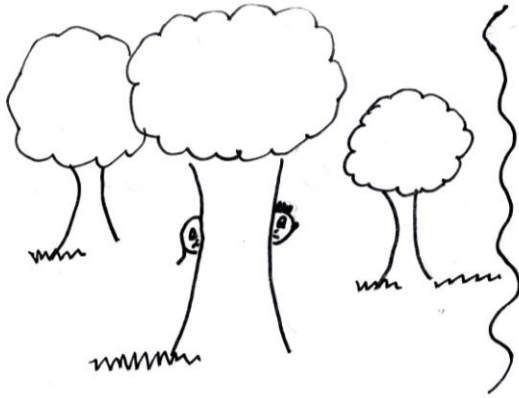
2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away [lost their power]; behold, new things have come.

There were many trees in the Garden of Eden from which Adam and Eve could eat. However, they were not to eat from the tree of good and evil. Eve\* wanted to gain knowledge of good and evil so she disobeyed God and ate from that tree. She wanted to be smart like God. However, she didn't have the ability to discern, or figure out, what is good and what is evil or what is right and what is wrong. Only God does. She was to be dependent on God for knowledge.

\*Eve was called Ishah, which means woman, until she sinned.



Genesis 3:6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.  
Proverbs 14:12 There is a way *which seems* right to a man, but its end is the way of death.



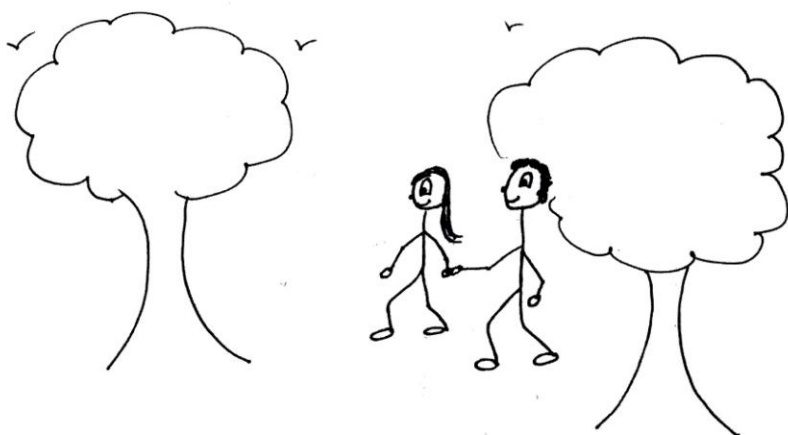
After Adam and Eve sinned they were ashamed of what they had done. They tried to hide from God. God didn't want them to be ashamed. He provided salvation for

all mankind. At salvation God gives believers a new nature. We are not to live in the old nature, separated from God's thinking. We are not to be ashamed! God sees us the way we are as new creatures. He is not ashamed of us! He sees us as one day being with Him in heaven in only our new nature. The old nature will be gone! "Nothing will be able to separate us from the Love of God which is in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:38-39)

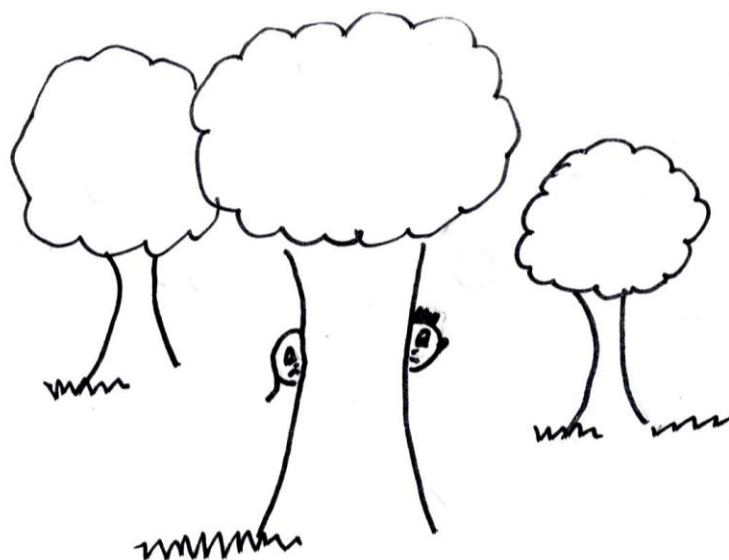


Genesis 3:8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

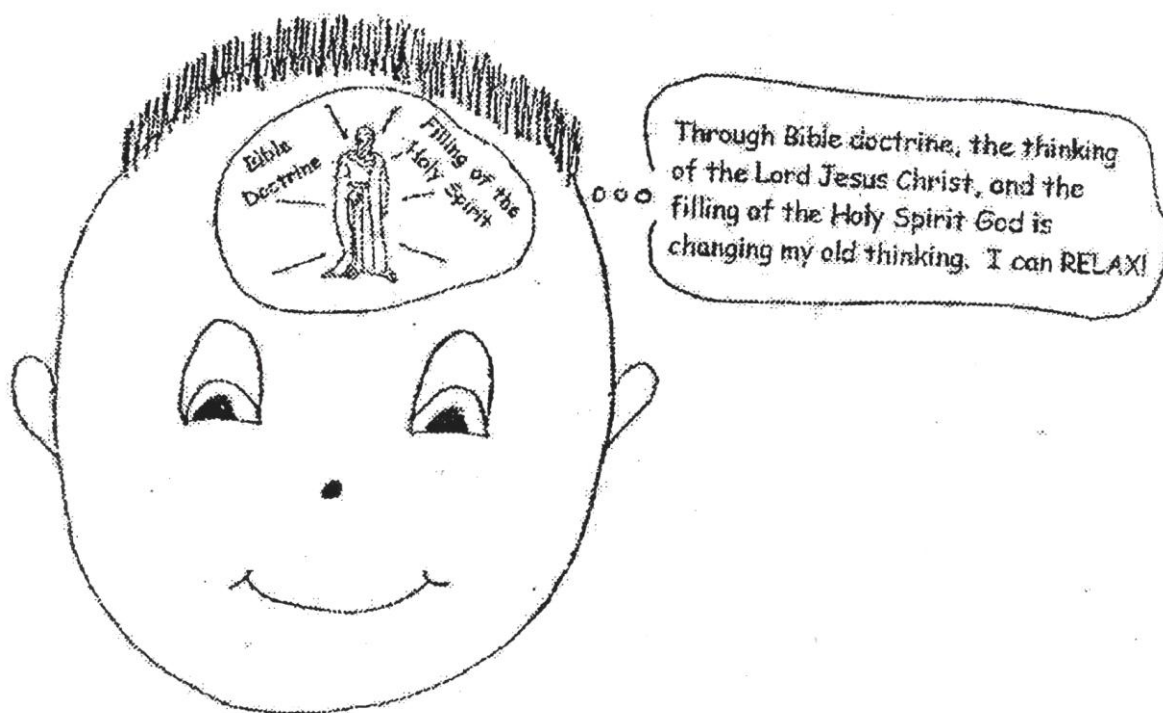
When Adam and Eve were in the garden, perfect environment, and depended on God, they were spiritually alive! They didn't even know right and wrong existed. They didn't need to judge what was right or wrong. They completely depended on the nature of God! Once Adam and Eve became independent from God, they became fearful and lived in self-justification. Their fear was the result of not depending on the nature of God but depending on their old sin natures. They were depending on something spiritually dead!



Genesis 3:9-11 Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"



When we become independent from God, we do the same; we let fear come into our lives. When we are fearful, we need to realize we are depending on ourselves not on God! When Adam and Eve sinned, they trusted in themselves to figure out what was good and evil. When we become independent from God, we listen to the cosmic system and to what it says is good and what is evil. Without Bible doctrine in our thinking, we can't figure out what is good and what is evil. We need to depend on God and His thinking!

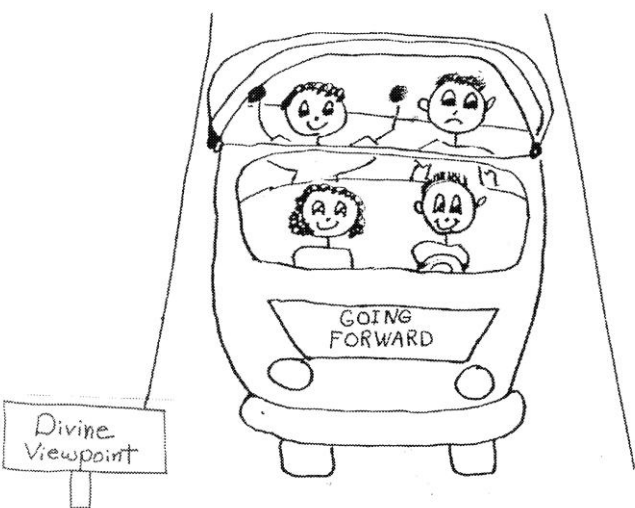


Hebrews 5:14 But solid food [advanced Bible doctrine] is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern [divine] good and [satanic] evil.

In our new natures, we have the power to depend on God. We have the power of the Holy Spirit Who is all powerful! In the new nature, fear loses its power; in fact, the old sin nature loses its power. Move over old sin nature; take over new nature! The world has many things that will try to distract us from living in our new natures in God's plan. However, if we keep our eyes on Jesus Christ we will have joy\* that we can't even imagine! So, thanks and glory be to God for our new natures in Christ! \*\*

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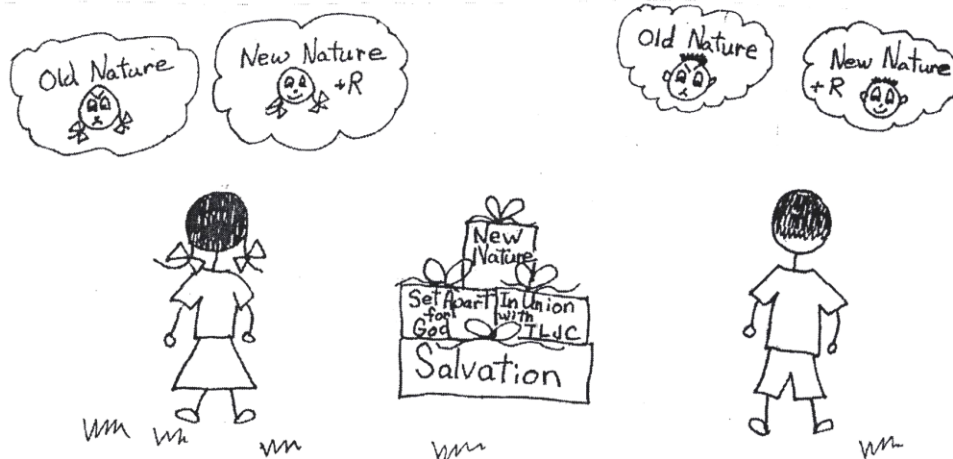
Psalm 128:1 How blessed [happy] is everyone who fears [respects] the Lord, who walks in His ways.

## Points To Remember

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## Questions For Discussion

1. What are the two natures that believers have?
2. What are the three royal titles of Jesus Christ?
3. Who are members of His three royal families?
4. Who and what are new spiritual creatures?
5. How can we decrease the power of our old sin natures?
6. Why were we born with old sin natures? How did we get a new nature?
7. Why did Eve want to eat from the tree of good and evil?
8. What happened to Adam and Eve after they disobeyed God?
9. What happens to us when we disobey God?
10. What do we need in our thinking?
11. Who gives us the power to live in our new natures?



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